

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

VOLEL EMILE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW DEPARTMENT 11400 BURNET ROAD, INTERNAL ZIP 4054 AUSTIN, TX 78758

COPY MAILED

JUL 18 2007

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of

Gerald Francis McBrearty et al

Application No. 09/899,453

Filed: July 5, 2001

Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2001-0338-US1

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 12, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed April 4, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 5, 2006.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1751 for further processing.

Irvin Dingle

Petitions Examiner Office of Petitions